

10 February 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Briefing of [redacted] on Status of
Col. Patrick M. Fallon, ~~USAF, DMIAZ/LAOS~~

REFERENCE: A. JANAF Vientiane 0436, 0190830 Jan 1972
B. MACV/JPRC 6339, 230702Z Jan 1972

1. The PACAF summary sheet on Colonel Fallon, classified Secret, contained the following pertinent information on Colonel Fallon:

- a. Departed Nakhon Phanom RTAFB 4/1030 Jul 69.
- b. Missing: 4/1223 Jul 69.
- c. Pilot of A-1H, no other crew members, tail no. 52/137512.
- d. Intended target: | Troops in contact.
(Location not shown.)
- e. Loss location: not shown.
- f. Last contact: on the ground communicating by radio; surrounded by enemy forces; no SAR effort. Two eye witnesses to chute.

2. The DIA PMSEA report for 30 September 1971 contained the following pertinent information on Colonel Fallon:

- a. Missing: 4 July 1969.
- b. Type aircraft: A-1H.
- c. Loss coordinates: 191700N/1030600E, Laos.

3. There was no other pertinent information in JOIC files.

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4. The referent JANAF cable, subject of a query to [redacted] contained the following information:

a. A recent rallier claimed he visited a crash site in early June 1969. There were charred remains of "one pilot" and debris of an F-4H. Source saw one white parachute in rice fields near Phou Teung, and was told it belonged to "the pilot" who had been rescued by one of two helicopters.

b. Crash site: UG 107416, Phou Teung.

c. JPRC's PW/MIA biographic data (machine printout JP01R) listed Fallon, Patrick Martin, Col., USAF, PW/MIA NR 0734, pilot of F-4B lost 4 July 1969 vicinity UG 013328.

d. JANAF attaches believed source was reporting on the Fallon case.

5. The referent MACV/JPRC cable commented that the above conclusion (para 4.d) was in error, that Colonel Fallon's plane was an A-1H, and that the incident mentioned by source was probably the downing of Capt. Wayne E. Pearson on 22 February 1969 at UG 179384. Captain Pearson was piloting an F-4D and his other crewman was rescued.

6. [redacted] briefed [redacted] on the above from 1000 to 1005 hours 26 January 1972. [redacted] asked that the second reference, JPRC #6339, be brought to [redacted] attention. [redacted] immediately relayed the cable number to [redacted]

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Attachments:
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